2nd March 1929].

Irrigation

Grievances of the ryots of Lalpet village regarding the lease of fish in the Viranam tank.

*1629 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the right to catch fish in the Viranam tank is leased out from year to year, and if so, to whom it was leased out and for what amounts during the last five years;

(b) whether the ryots of Lalpet village offered a considerably larger amount;

(c) whether it is a fact that the lessees drain the Viranam lake every year in order to get their full quantity of fish and whether the water in the lake ultimately wastes itself into the sea by such process;

(d) whether it is a fact that the ryots of Lalpet village have made representations to the subordinate authorities in the district and the Director of Fisheries complaining of the loss and suffering they are put to on account of the draining of the lake Viranam in the season when water is most required for their cultivation;

(e) if so, what action has been taken by the Government to prevent the wastage of the water of Viranam lake and if no action has yet been taken whether they propose to take any action in future;

(f) whether it is a fact that the ryots of Lalpet themselves offered to take up the lease of fish in the lake; and

(g) whether it was the usual practice with the Government until recently to lease out the fish in Viranam lake to the ryots of Lalpet and surrounding villages?

A.—A report has been called for.

Report on the investigation of the Kachalamma Tank project.

*1630 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, in reference to answer to question No. 894 answered on 29th November 1928,—

(a) whether the Chief Engineer's report has been received; and
(b) if it has been received, what it is?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) The Board of Revenue has recommended, on a consideration of the Chief Engineer's and Collector's reports, that the detailed investigation of the Project may be taken up. As the detailed investigation has already been made, a special staff has been sanctioned for the preparation of detailed plans and estimates.

Improvements to the head sluice at Vajjeswaram.

*1631 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government are aware that the head sluice at Vajjeswaram in the Godavari Western delta is inadequate to allow sufficient supply of water to the wet ayacut in the delta;